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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Patent Application of:  
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: Examiner: C. Dexter

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Title: AUTOMATIC DEVICE FOR FINISHING AND CUTTING MULTIPLE OR SINGLE IMAGES ON PAPER AND OTHER GRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SUBSTRATES IN REEL OR SINGLE SHEETS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2002 (Paper Number 24). A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, to and including March 18, 2003) and a Request for Continued Examination are being filed herewith. Kindly amend the above-identified United States Patent Application, without prejudice, as follows:

**CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as rewritten in clean form below. A marked-up version of claim 1 amended by rewriting and having all additions underlined and all deletions bracketed is attached hereto as page 10 of this amendment.